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To: Tsarkov, Alex

Subject: SB1094

I Oppose SB1094, high capacity magazine ban.

I am emailing to urge you to oppose raised SB 1094 "An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines". This bill proposes making it a Class D Felony to own firearms magazines holding over 10 rounds. There are several reasons why you should oppose this bill.

1. There are tens of thousands of firearm owners in this state. This draconian bill would instantly make thousands of law abiding citizens into felons.
2. These so called "Large capacity" magazines are actually standard capacity and in common usage in the state and the nation. Many firearms are designed to have 15 or 30 round magazines and are sold this way. This bill would be unconstitutional and contrary to the Heller ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States. The state would have to pay millions of dollars in legal fees only to lose in court and have this bill overturned.
3. Thousands of firearms owners would have to turn in their magazines and replace them with 10 round magazines. Many of these owners have hundreds or thousands of dollars worth of these magazines which would have to be replaced. Some firearms don't even have 10 round magazines available making our currently owned firearms unusable.
4. Even if criminals had 10 round or fewer magazines it would not deter them from shooting someone. This bill will do nothing to deter crime.
5. Criminals can easily go next door to Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts or any other nearby state and purchase these so called "large capacity" magazines and bring them back to Connecticut. It is a practically unenforceable law. You may ask "Why do you need these magazines?" My response is that the burden is not on me to prove why I need them but the burden is on legislators to prove why I shouldn't have them. Our current "assault weapon ban" which does nothing to deter crime is intolerable enough. Should this bill pass it will be the last straw for me. I value my second amendment rights very much, more so than almost any other issue and will vote with my wallet. I will take my nurse licensing boards in another state and relocate taking my taxes with me. If nothing but from a fiscal standpoint you should oppose this bill. It will cost the state millions, turn citizens into felons and accomplish nothing.

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